Dates for the next meeting of the Council or its Sub-Committees have not yet been fixed.

(b) The Council and its Committees have been addressing themselves to the task of monitoring national integration and maintaining communal peace in broad terms. Pursuant to the deliberations of the Council and its Committees in the past and on the basis of experience gained of communal incidents, comprehensive guidelines have been issued to the State Governments for arresting the outbreak of communal violence and maintaining communal peace.

Boundary dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra

2226. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the boundary dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka is likely to be solved by the Central Government;

(b) whether the proposals of the Mahajan Commission have been rejected by Government in toto: and

(c) if not, what is the exact position about the boundary issue between these two States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA: (a) It is difficult to lay down any time limit in this regard.

(b) and (c) The differences between the Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka in regard to the recommendations of the Mahajan Commission on the Maharashtra-Karnataka border dispute are persisting. The Central Government are of the view that the dispute can be resolved only with the willing co-operation of the two State Governments. According to available information, the two Chief Ministers had met on the 30th July, 1983 and 14th April, 1984 in Bombay to discuss the problem and were expected to meet again. The outcome of their efforts is awaited.

Preservation of Environment

2227. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had issued instructions to all the State Chief Ministers to maintain the ecological balance/ preserve environment; and

(b) whether Government of India are aware that despite this circular many States have been going on destroying the ecological balance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ecological balance has deteriorated in some areas due to excessive human pressures on the natural resources. The importance of maintaining ecological balance is appreciated by the State Governments and appropriate measures are being adopted within the available infrastructure.

Solar Energy

2228. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state whether the Planning Commission has any fresh proposal under consideration to explore further possibilities of generation of solar energy in India in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): A Working Group has been constituted by the Planning Commission for the preparation of the Seventh Five Year Plan for the programmes dealing with the Non-Conventional Energy Sources including Solar Energy. This is yet to complete its work.